

IN THE MATTER OF §
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE §
LICENSE NUMBER 608504 §
ISSUED TO §
KENNETH MARSHALL PENNINGTON §

BEFORE THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING
ELIGIBILITY AND
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Katherine Pennington
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Kenneth Marshall Pennington
18551 Timber Forest Dr, Apt B1
Humble, TX 77346

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 12, 2012, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 608504, previously issued to KENNETH MARSHALL PENNINGTON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 12th day of February, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed November 20, 2012.

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 608504
Issued to KENNETH MARSHALL PENNINGTON
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 15th day of February, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Kenneth Marshall Pennington
18551 Timber Forest Dr, Apt B1
Humble, TX 77346

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 608504
Issued to
KENNETH MARSHALL PENNINGTON,
Respondent

§
§
§
§
§
§

BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, KENNETH MARSHALL PENNINGTON, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 608504 which is in Current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about May 15, 2010, while employed with Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to adequately care for Patient Medical Record Number 0145575359, who was admitted via EMS with symptoms of altered mental status due to a Hypoglycemic Coma and had a blood glucose test result of "24" on the scene. At the time of admission, the patient's blood glucose had been stabilized and tested at "169"; however, Respondent failed to continuously monitor the patient blood's glucose for three (3) hours or failed to establish IV access to administer D50. Consequently, the patient was found unresponsive with a blood glucose level assessed to be at "20" and required emergency measures to stabilize her condition. Respondent's conduct deprived the patient of timely detection and intervention required to stabilize the patient's condition, which required emergency measures to stabilize the patient's condition.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(M), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B) & (4).

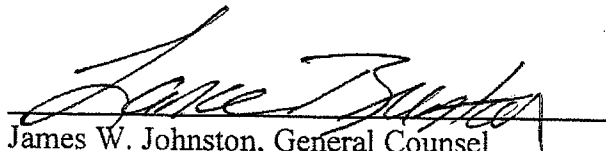
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 20th day of November, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



James W. Johnston, General Counsel

Board Certified - Administrative Law

Texas Board of Legal Specialization

State Bar No. 10838300

Jena Abel, Assistant General Counsel

State Bar No. 24036103

Lance Robert Brenton, Assistant General Counsel

State Bar No. 24066924

John R. Griffith, Assistant General Counsel

State Bar No. 24079751

Robert Kyle Hensley, Assistant General Counsel

State Bar No. 50511847

Nikki Hopkins, Assistant General Counsel

State Bar No. 24052269

John F. Legris, Assistant General Counsel

State Bar No. 00785533

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

333 Guadalupe, Tower III, Suite 460

Austin, Texas 78701

P: (512) 305-6811

F: (512) 305-8101 or (512)305-7401